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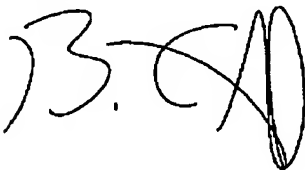
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 27th, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheet and annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

Amended drawings representing Fig. 1 are attached following this paper.

Also appended herewith is a 132 affidavit from Maurice Jenkins.